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# DARE DEVIL

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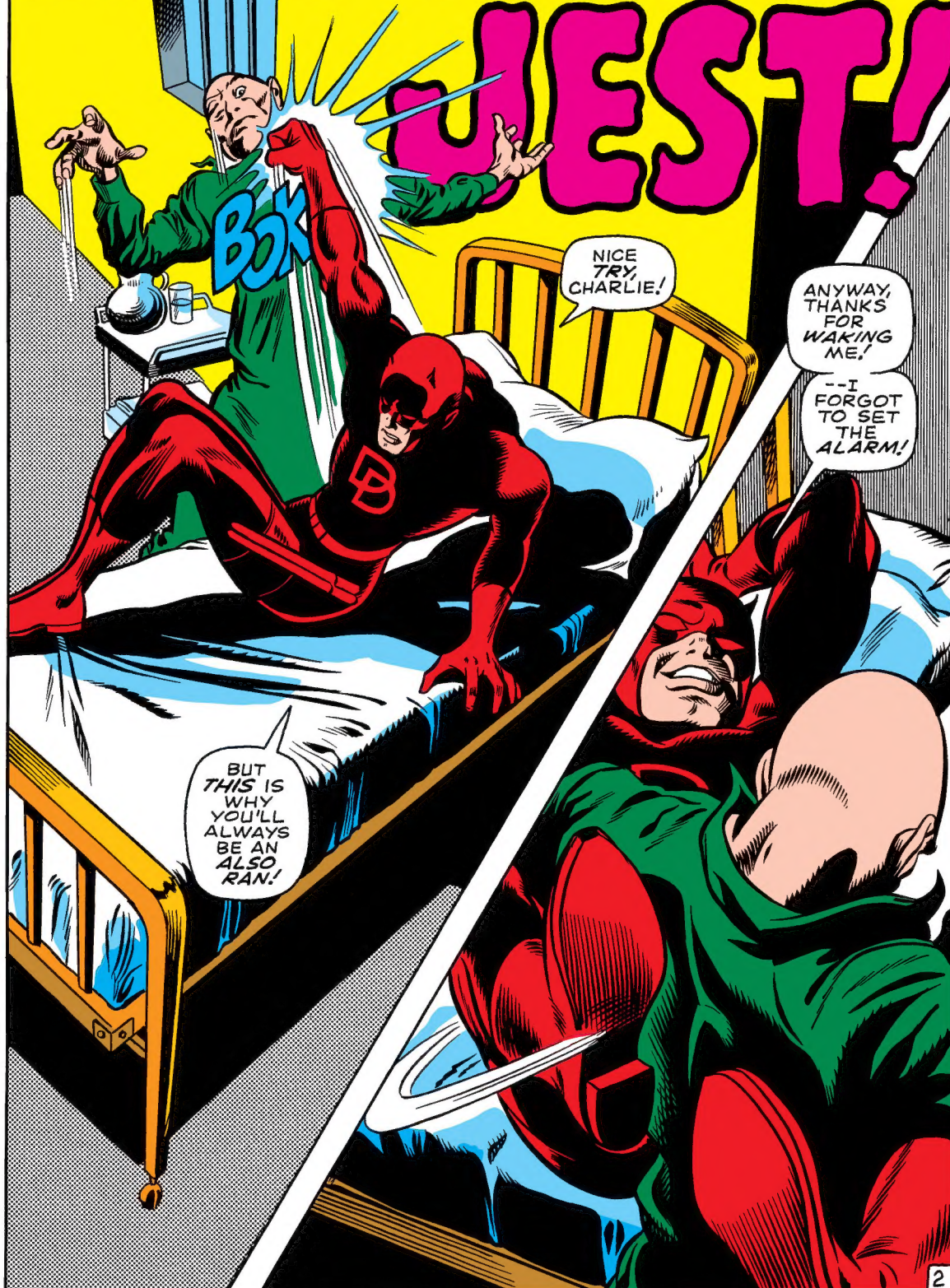
the FINAL JEST!







# ...THE FINAL JEST!





NOW HANG  
LOOSE AND  
DON'T MAKE  
A FUSS--

AND THIS'LL  
ALL BE OVER  
BEFORE YOU  
CAN SAY  
"I WAS A  
BAAAAAD  
BOY!"

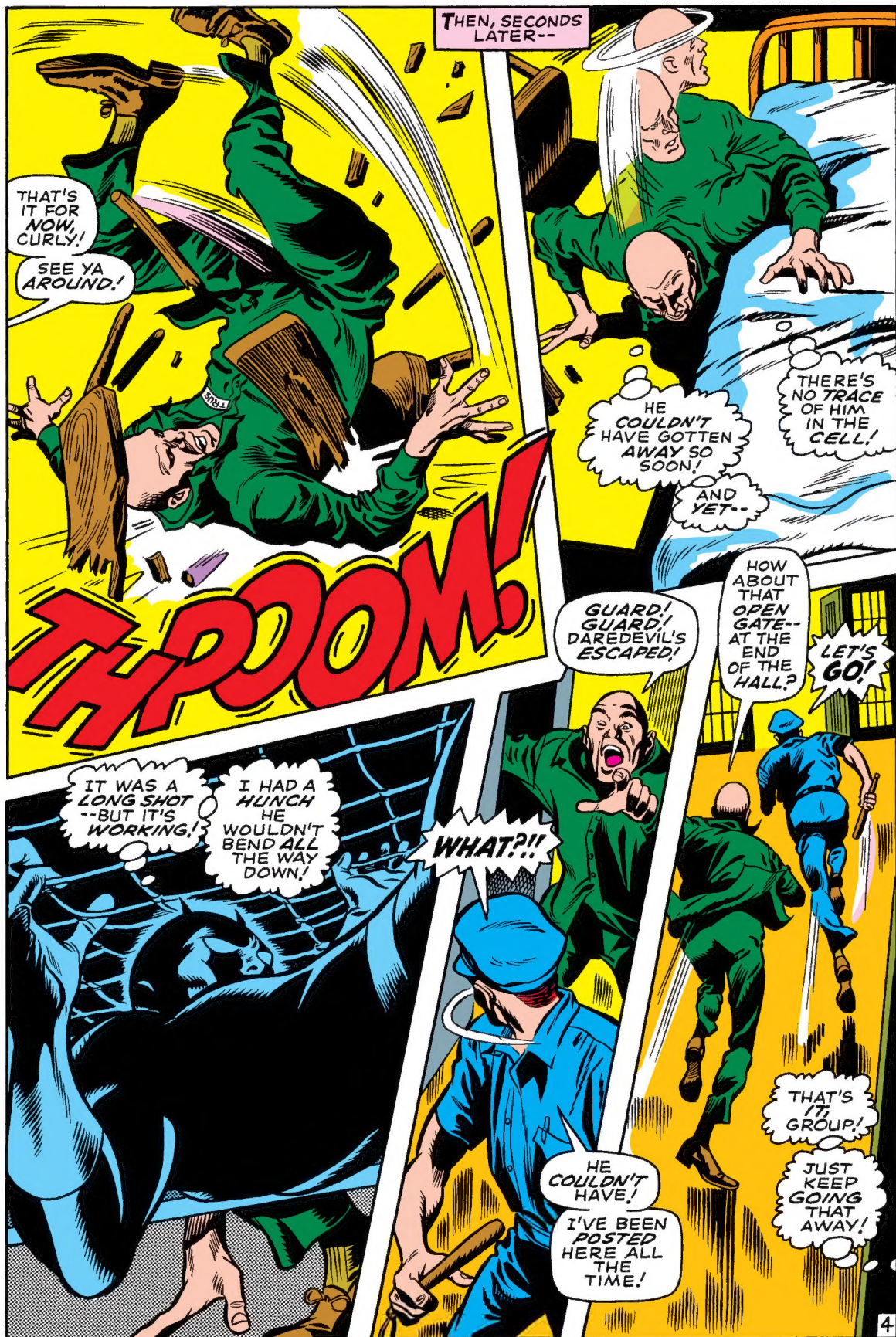
LUCKY FOR ME,  
THAT STRENGTH-  
DEPLETING GAS  
OF THE JESTER'S  
HAS JUST ABOUT  
ALL WORN OFF  
BY NOW!

WHICH MEANS MY  
ONLY PROBLEM IS TO  
FIND A WAY OUT OF  
THIS FULL-SECURITY  
PRISON HOSPITAL--  
AND CLEARING  
MYSELF OF A HOMICIDE  
CHARGE!

WHAT EVER HAPPENED  
TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS--  
WHEN MY BIGGEST  
WORRY WAS-- WHICH  
COSTUME TO  
WEAR?

DARE DEVIL			
	BLOOD PRESSURE	TEMPERATURE	PULSE
MON	normal	normal	normal
TUES			
WED			
THU			
FRI			
SAT			
SUN			









NOW, MY NEXT  
STEP IS TO GET  
OUT OF HERE--

BEFORE THEY COME  
CHARGING BACK TO  
REALLY SEARCH  
THE CELL!

THAT ODOR!  
THE SCENT OF  
DETERGENT  
STILL CLINGING  
TO A FRESHLY-  
LAUNDERED  
JACKET!

COULD  
BE MY  
TICKET  
OUT OF  
HERE!

BUT, HOW  
FAR CAN I  
GET IN  
THESE  
ZINGY  
THREADS  
OF MINE?

NOT A TRACE OF HIM OUT  
THERE! I DON'T GET IT!

WHOOPS! I  
FORGOT THE  
DOOR WAS  
STILL OPEN!

LUCKY  
I'M ON  
THIS  
SIDE  
OF THE  
ROOM!

THE  
PHONE!  
HERE'S  
WHERE  
I GO INTO  
MY ACT!

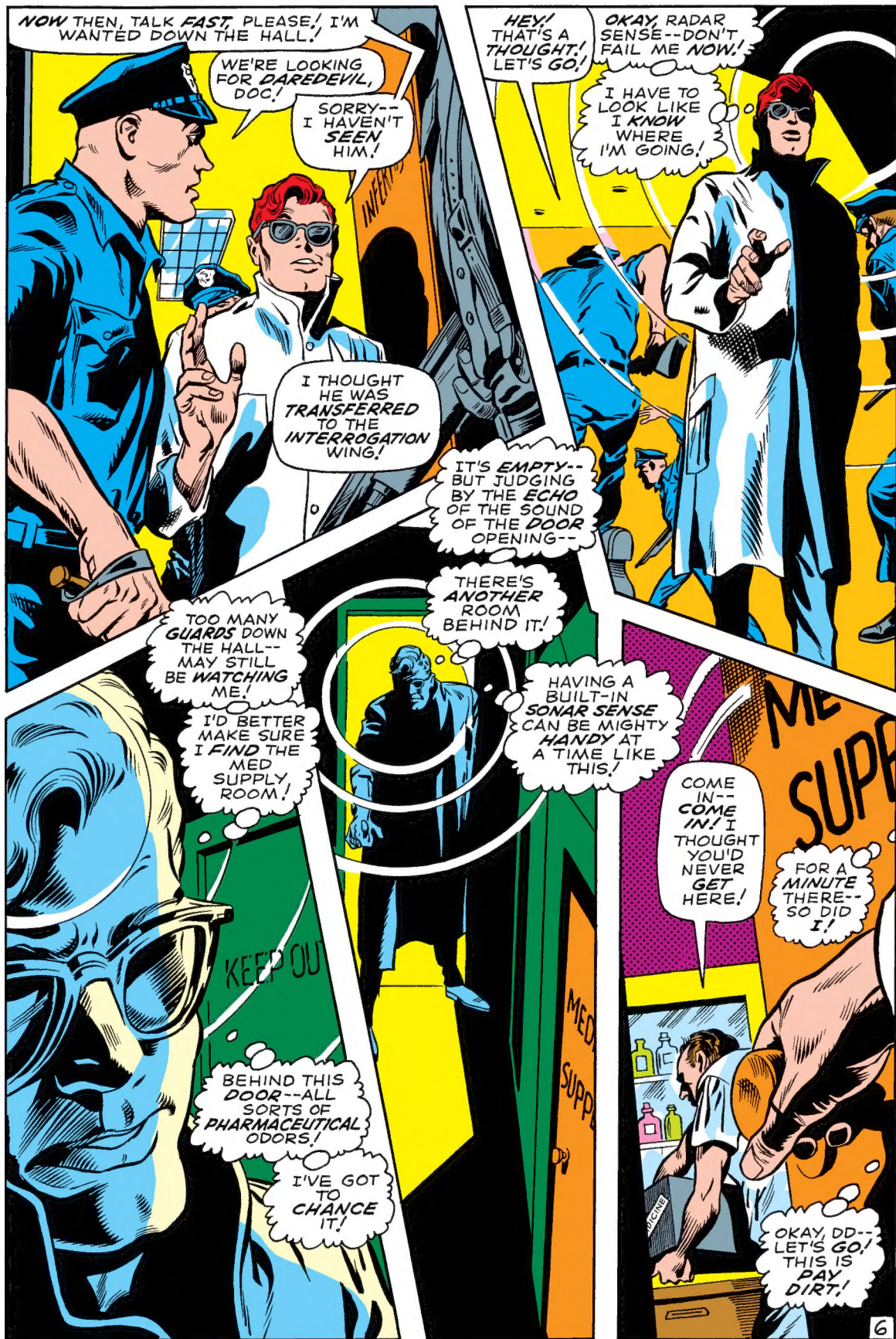
SAY,  
DOC--  
DID YOU  
SEE--?

HOLD IT,  
OFFICER!  
I'M ON THE  
PHONE!

WHAT'S  
THAT?  
THE  
MEDICAL  
SUPPLY  
ROOM?

I'LL BE  
RIGHT  
THERE!





NOW THEN, TALK FAST, PLEASE, I'M WANTED DOWN THE HALL!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR DAREDEVIL, DOC!

SORRY-- I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM!

I THOUGHT HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE INTERROGATION WING!

HEY! THAT'S A THOUGHT! LET'S GO!

OKAY, RADAR SENSE--DON'T FAIL ME NOW!

I HAVE TO LOOK LIKE I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING!

IT'S EMPTY-- BUT JUDGING BY THE ECHO OF THE SOUND OF THE DOOR OPENING--

THERE'S ANOTHER ROOM BEHIND IT!

TOO MANY GUARDS DOWN THE HALL-- MAY STILL BE WATCHING ME!

I'D BETTER MAKE SURE I FIND THE MED SUPPLY ROOM!

HAVING A BUILT-IN SONAR SENSE CAN BE MIGHTY HANDY AT A TIME LIKE THIS!

COME IN-- COME IN! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE!

FOR A MINUTE THERE-- SO DID I!

BEHIND THIS DOOR--ALL SORTS OF PHARMACEUTICAL ODORS!

I'VE GOT TO CHANCE IT!

OKAY, DD-- LET'S GO! THIS IS PAY DIRT!



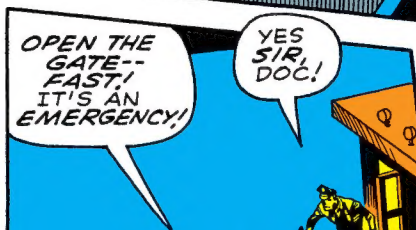


THE NEW SHIPMENT JUST ARRIVED!

IT'S BACK THERE-- READY TO BE CHECKED OUT!

THAT'S IT-- JUST DON'T TURN AROUND!

I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, DOCTOR!



OPEN THE GATE-- FAST! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!

YES SIR, DOC!

-WHEW! HE HASN'T BEEN TOLD OF MY ESCAPE YET!



ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

AN EXIT DOOR-- RIGHT BEHIND THE CARTONS!

THERE'S WHAT I WANT--

THE SOUND OF A MOTOR RUNNING!

IT'S JUST AS WELL THAT I *DIDN'T* CHECK OUT THOSE SUPPLIES!

IMAGINE IF I HAD MISTAKEN NITROGLYCERINE FOR NEO-SYNEPHRINE!



WHAT?--NO SIR! NO SIGN OF DAREDEVIL HERE!

DON'T WORRY! NOW THAT THE DOC JUST LEFT, I'LL KEEP THE GATE SHUT--TILL FURTHER NOTICE!

HUH?

WHICH DOC? SAY--I NEVER THOUGHT TO ASK!



**SECONDS LATER--**

I DON'T DARE  
REMAIN  
HERE ANY  
LONGER!

THE  
ALARM  
MUST  
BE OUT  
BY  
NOW!

**AL'S  
Tavern**

AND I  
WON'T BE  
SAFE  
UNTIL I  
CAN DITCH  
THESE  
CLOTHES!

SO  
START  
DITCHING,  
DD!

IT MAY  
NOT BE  
CHRISTMAS  
YET--

BUT THERE'S  
GOOD OL'  
SANTA UP  
AHEAD!

SAY, FRIEND--  
HOW'D YOU  
LIKE TO MAKE  
A FAST TEN  
BUCKS?

WHAT DO  
I GOTTA  
DO?

NO, DON'T  
TELL ME!  
DON'T  
SPOIL IT!

YOU CALL  
THESE  
CLOTHES?

MISTER,  
YA GOT  
YERSELF  
A DEAL!

WE'LL  
MAKE A  
QUICK  
CHANGE  
IN THAT  
ALLEY,  
PAL!

SO LET'S  
WALK  
BACK  
THERE  
--NICE  
AND  
QUIET!

HEY--I'D  
EVEN WALK  
OFF A PLANK  
FOR A TEN  
SPOT!

LOOK, IF  
THREADS  
LIKE  
THESE  
ARE YOUR  
BAG--

I KNOW  
WHERE YA  
CAN BUY  
LOTS MORE--  
EVEN  
CHEAPER!

FORGET  
IT!

I'M NOT  
OUT TO  
CORNER  
THE  
MARKET!

IT'S  
EASY!  
JUST SELL  
ME YOUR  
CLOTHES!

**THEN, FINALLY--**

MATT!  
WHERE IN  
BLAZES  
HAVE YOU  
BEEN!

THOSE  
CLOTHES!  
WHAT'S  
GOING ON,  
PARTNER?

SOMETHING  
--MUST  
HAVE--  
HAPPENED!

OKAY, MATTHEW--  
IT'S  
ACADEMY  
AWARD  
TIME  
AGAIN!

MATT MURDOCK

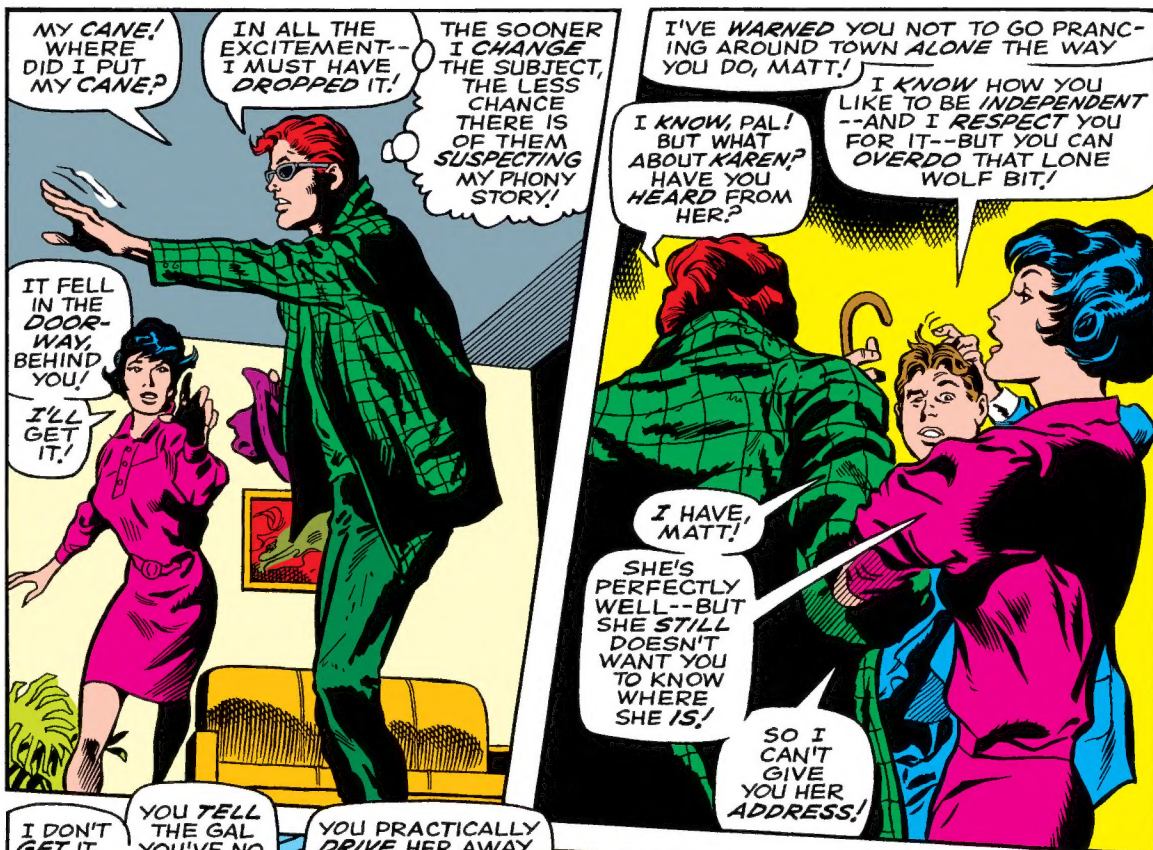
THEY  
TOOK  
EVERY-  
THING--  
EVEN MY  
SUIT!

I WAS  
LUCKY TO  
PICK UP  
THESE  
RAGS!

YOU CAN  
BET  
SOMETHING  
HAPPENED!

I WAS  
MUGGED!





MY CANE!  
WHERE  
DID I PUT  
MY CANE?

IN ALL THE  
EXCITEMENT--  
I MUST HAVE  
DROPPED IT!

THE SOONER  
I CHANGE  
THE SUBJECT,  
THE LESS  
CHANCE  
THERE IS  
OF THEM  
SUSPECTING  
MY PHONY  
STORY!

IT FELL  
IN THE  
DOOR-  
WAY,  
BEHIND  
YOU!

I'LL  
GET  
IT!

I'VE WARNED YOU NOT TO GO PRANC-  
ING AROUND TOWN ALONE THE WAY  
YOU DO, MATT!

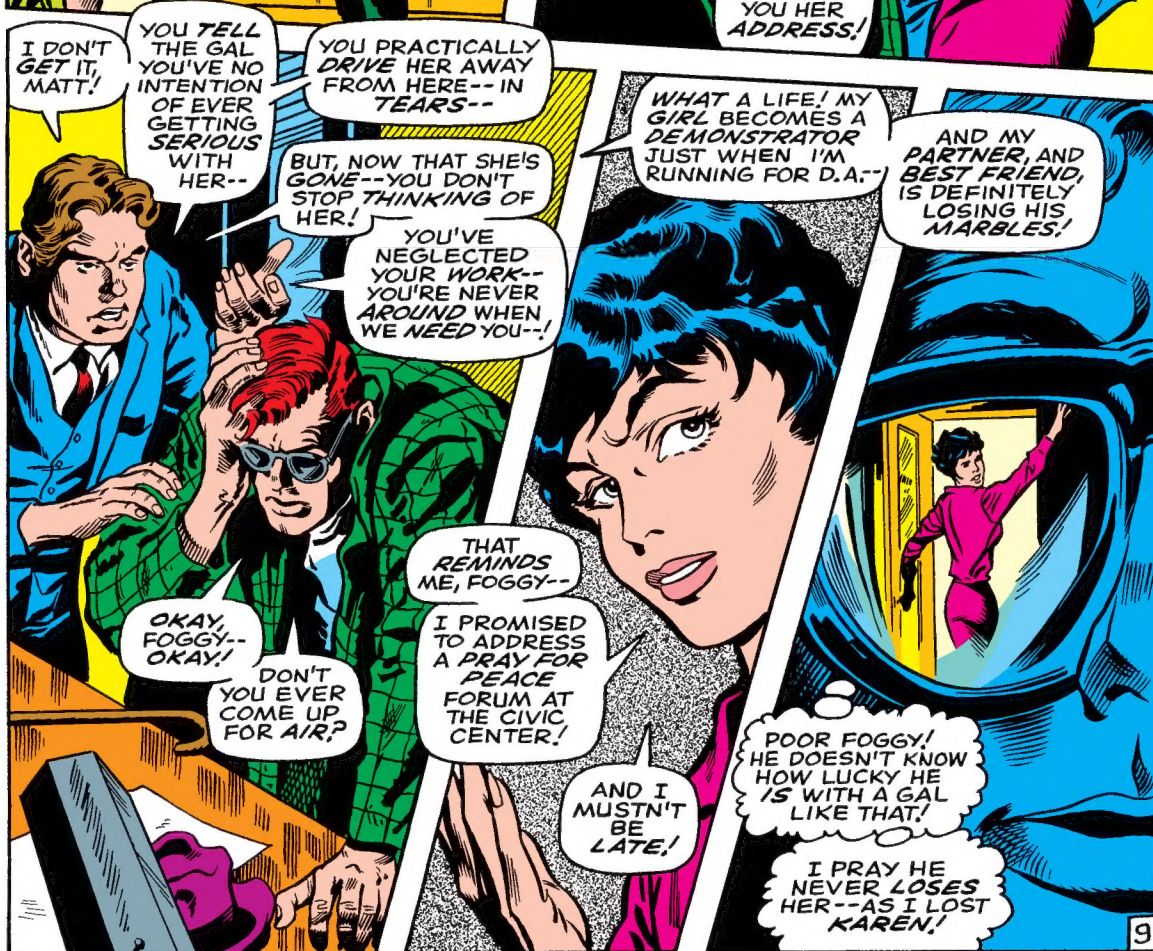
I KNOW HOW YOU  
LIKE TO BE INDEPENDENT  
--AND I RESPECT YOU  
FOR IT--BUT YOU CAN  
OVERDO THAT LONE  
WOLF BIT!

I KNOW, PAL!  
BUT WHAT  
ABOUT KAREN?  
HAVE YOU  
HEARD FROM  
HER?

I HAVE,  
MATT!

SHE'S  
PERFECTLY  
WELL--BUT  
SHE STILL  
DOESN'T  
WANT YOU  
TO KNOW  
WHERE  
SHE IS!

SO I  
CAN'T  
GIVE  
YOU HER  
ADDRESS!



I DON'T  
GET IT,  
MATT!

YOU TELL  
THE GAL  
YOU'VE NO  
INTENTION  
OF EVER  
GETTING  
SERIOUS  
WITH HER--

YOU PRACTICALLY  
DRIVE HER AWAY  
FROM HERE-- IN  
TEARS--

BUT, NOW THAT SHE'S  
GONE--YOU DON'T  
STOP THINKING OF  
HER!

YOU'VE  
NEGLECTED  
YOUR WORK--  
YOU'RE NEVER  
AROUND WHEN  
WE NEED YOU--!

WHAT A LIFE! MY  
GIRL BECOMES A  
DEMONSTRATOR  
JUST WHEN I'M  
RUNNING FOR D.A.!

AND MY  
PARTNER, AND  
BEST FRIEND,  
IS DEFINITELY  
LOSING HIS  
MARBLES!

THAT  
REMINDS  
ME, FOGGY--

I PROMISED  
TO ADDRESS  
A PRAY FOR  
PEACE  
FORUM AT  
THE CIVIC  
CENTER!

AND I  
MUSTN'T  
BE  
LATE!

OKAY,  
FOGGY--  
OKAY!

DON'T  
YOU EVER  
COME UP  
FOR AIR?

POOR FOGGY!  
HE DOESN'T KNOW  
HOW LUCKY HE  
IS WITH A GAL  
LIKE THAT!

I PRAY HE  
NEVER LOSES  
HER--AS I LOST  
KAREN!



NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, MATT--  
MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A DENT  
IN SOME OF THE PAPER WORK  
THAT'S BEEN PILING UP--!

SORRY,  
PARTNER!  
I JUST  
CAME BACK  
TO CHANGE  
CLOTHES!

THE DOCTOR  
SAID I SHOULD  
GET RIGHT HOME  
AND TAKE IT  
EASY--AFTER  
WHAT  
HAPPENED!

OH--YEAH,  
SURE! I, EH,  
ALMOST  
FORGOT!

I HATE TO LEAVE  
HIM IN THE LURCH  
LIKE THAT--

BUT I  
CAN'T  
AFFORD  
TO WASTE  
ANOTHER  
MINUTE!

NOT  
TILL  
I FIND  
A WAY TO  
CLEAR  
THE  
NAME OF  
DARE-  
DEVIL!

CAREFUL,  
NOW! HERE'S  
THE  
ADDRESS  
YOU GAVE  
ME!

SURE YOU  
DON'T WANT  
I SHOULD  
WALK YOU  
TO YOUR  
DOOR?

ON DUTY

TAXI!

NO THANKS,  
DRIVER!  
IT'S BETTER  
FOR ME--TO  
MANAGE  
ALONE!

BUT, NO SOONER HAS THE SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER  
REACHED THE SANCTUARY OF HIS OWN PRIVATE  
GYM, WHEN--

SAFE  
AT  
LAST!

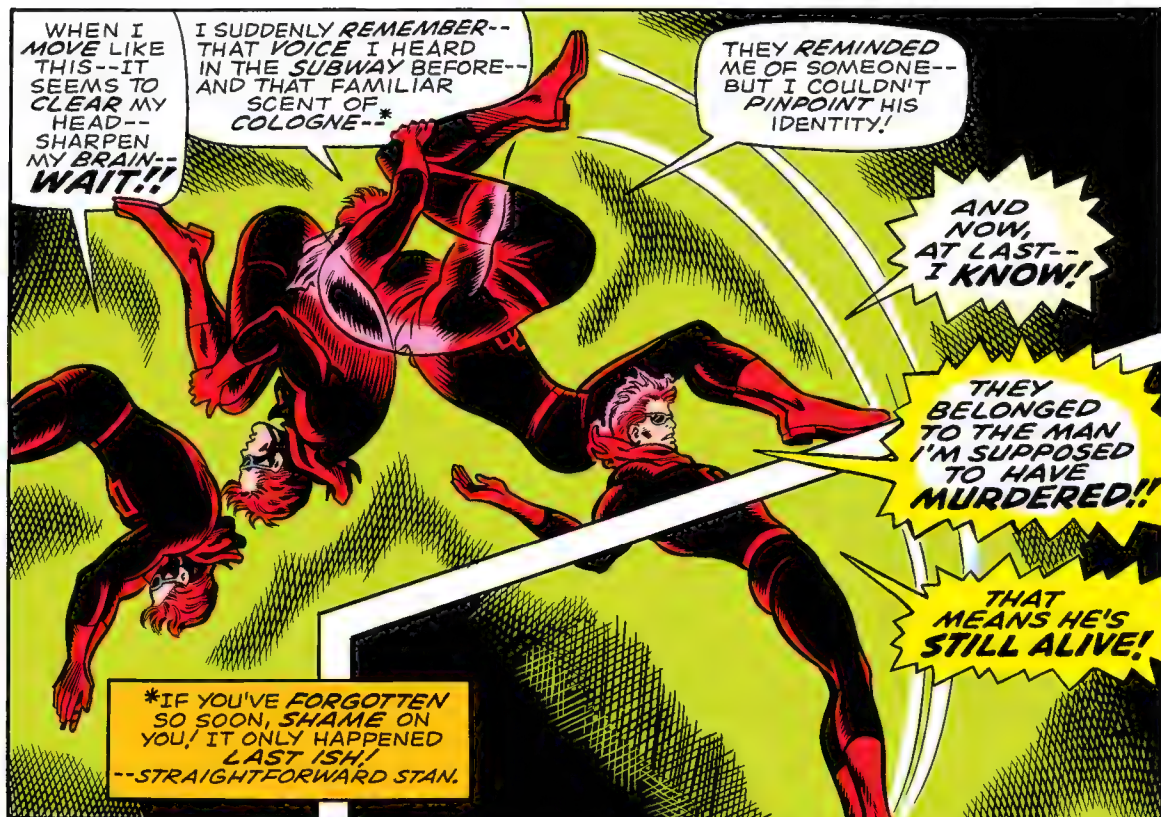
I FELT AS  
THOUGH THE  
WHOLE WORLD  
WAS CLOSING IN  
ON ME!

NOW ONCE  
MORE I CAN  
THINK--I CAN  
MOVE--I CAN  
BREATHE  
AGAIN!

THE FIRST  
THING FOR  
ME TO DO  
IS  
EXONERATE  
MYSELF!

I'VE GOT  
TO LEARN  
WHO TRIED  
TO FRAME  
ME FOR  
MURDER--  
AND WHY?





WHEN I  
MOVE LIKE  
THIS--IT  
SEEMS TO  
CLEAR MY  
HEAD--  
SHARPEN  
MY BRAIN--  
**WAIT!!**

I SUDDENLY REMEMBER--  
THAT VOICE I HEARD  
IN THE SUBWAY BEFORE--  
AND THAT FAMILIAR  
SCENT OF  
COLOGNE--\*

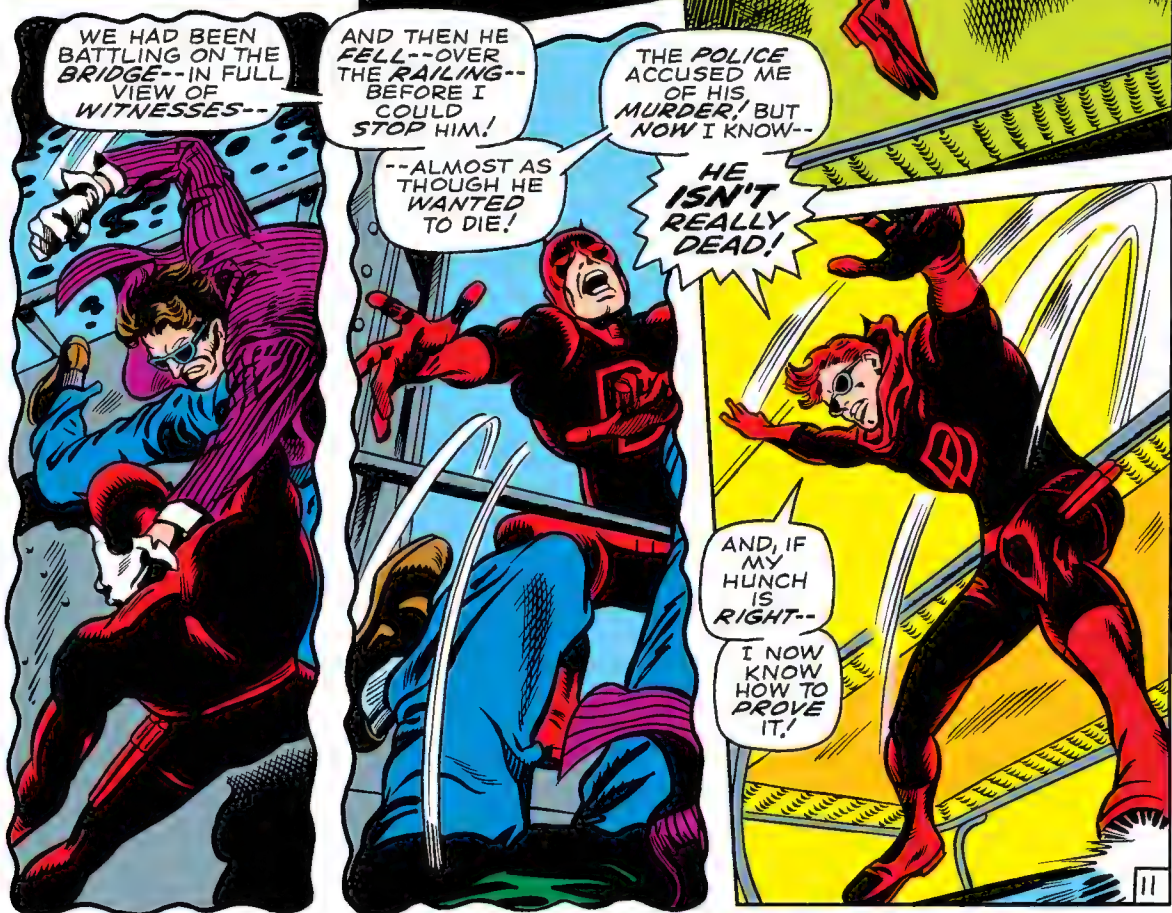
THEY REMINDED  
ME OF SOMEONE--  
BUT I COULDN'T  
PINPOINT HIS  
IDENTITY!

**AND  
NOW,  
AT LAST--  
I KNOW!**

**THEY  
BELONGED  
TO THE MAN  
I'M SUPPOSED  
TO HAVE  
MURDERED!!**

**THAT  
MEANS HE'S  
STILL ALIVE!**

\*IF YOU'VE FORGOTTEN  
SO SOON, SHAME ON  
YOU! IT ONLY HAPPENED  
LAST ISH!  
--STRAIGHTFORWARD STAN.



WE HAD BEEN  
BATTLING ON THE  
BRIDGE--IN FULL  
VIEW OF  
WITNESSES--

AND THEN HE  
FELL--OVER  
THE RAILING--  
BEFORE I  
COULD  
STOP HIM!

THE POLICE  
ACCUSED ME  
OF HIS  
MURDER! BUT  
NOW I KNOW--

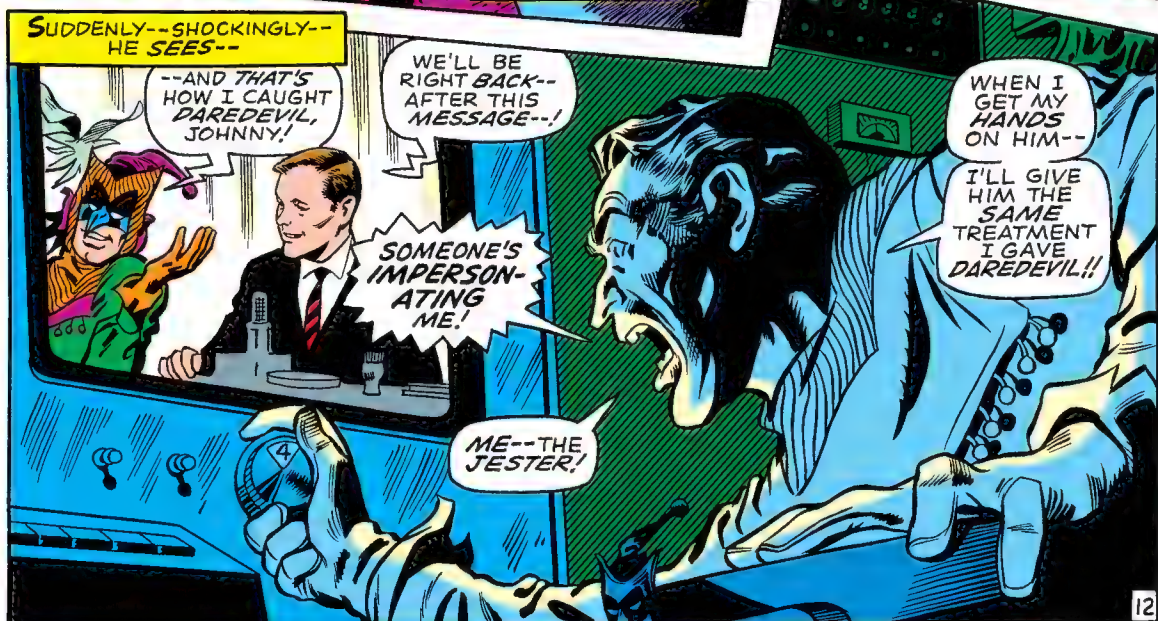
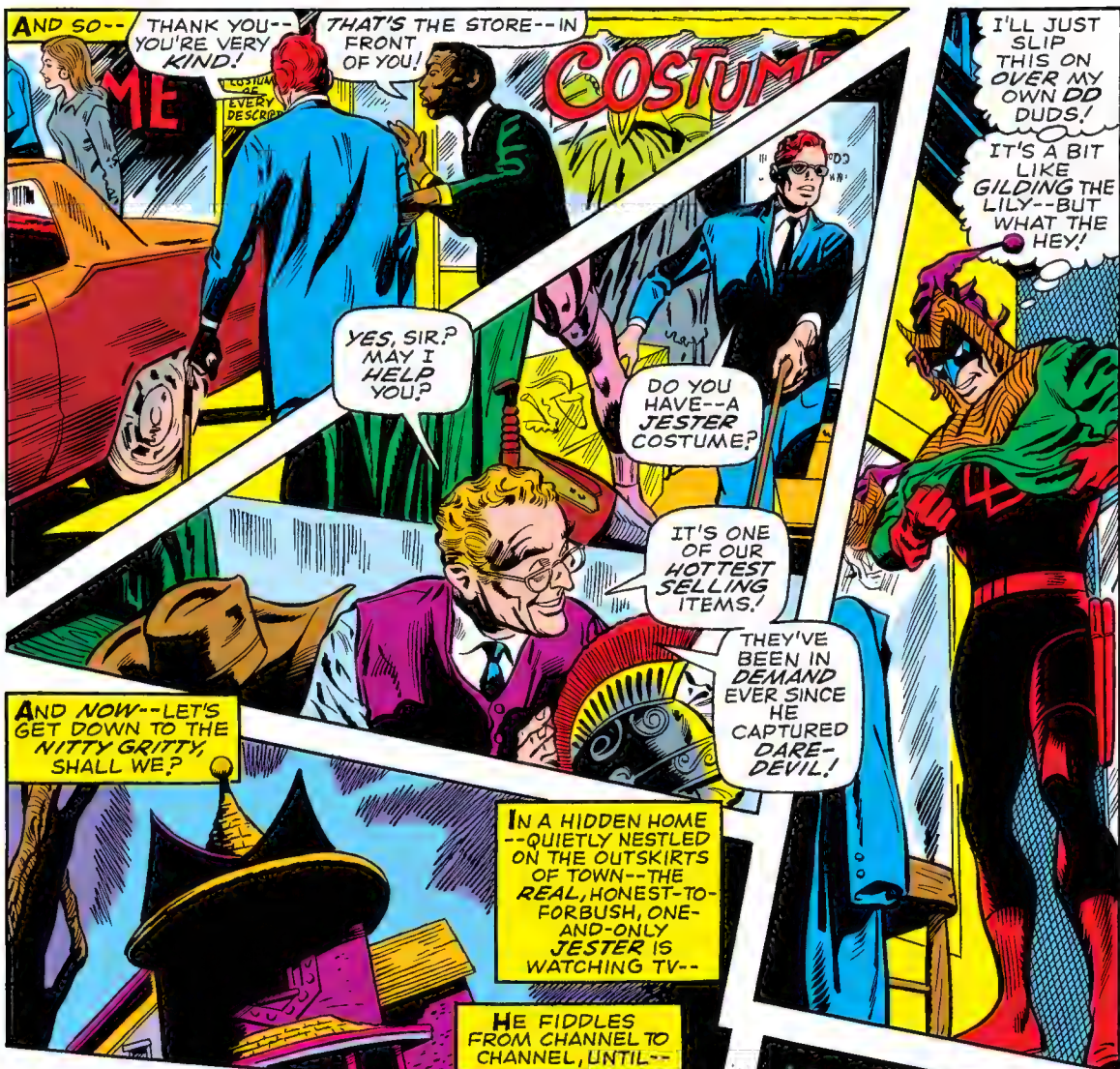
--ALMOST AS  
THOUGH HE  
WANTED  
TO DIE!

**HE  
ISN'T  
REALLY  
DEAD!**

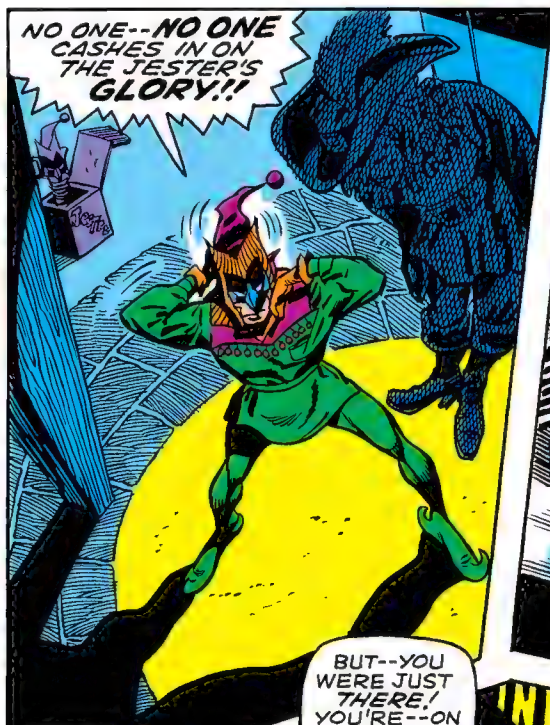
AND, IF  
MY HUNCH  
IS RIGHT--

I NOW  
KNOW  
HOW TO  
PROVE  
IT!

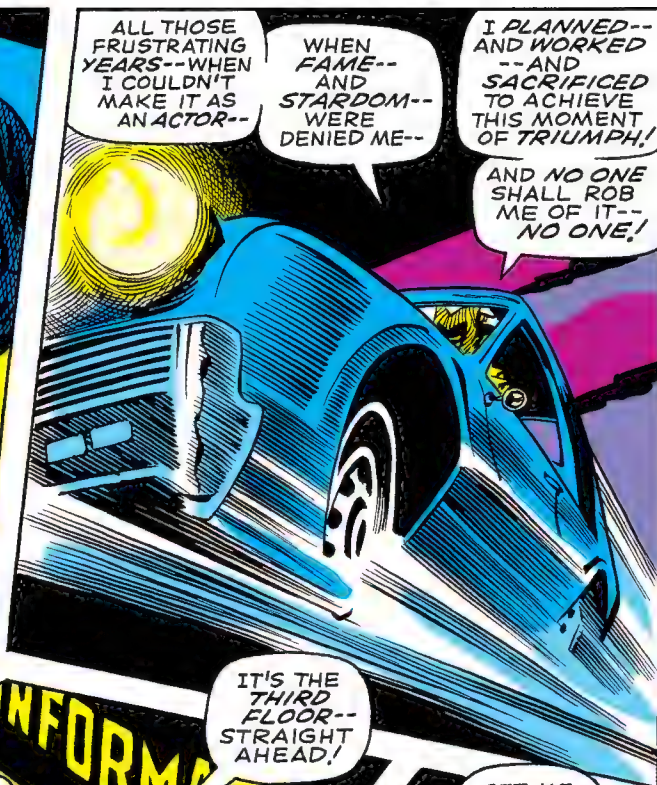








NO ONE--NO ONE  
CASHES IN ON  
THE JESTER'S  
GLORY!!

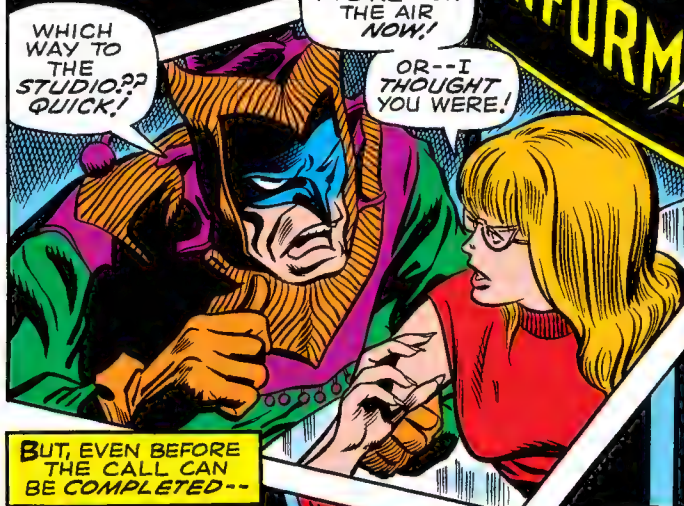


ALL THOSE  
FRUSTRATING  
YEARS--WHEN  
I COULDN'T  
MAKE IT AS  
AN ACTOR--

WHEN  
FAME--  
AND  
STARDOM--  
WERE  
DENIED ME--

I PLANNED--  
AND WORKED  
--AND  
SACRIFICED  
TO ACHIEVE  
THIS MOMENT  
OF TRIUMPH!

AND NO ONE  
SHALL ROB  
ME OF IT--  
NO ONE!



WHICH  
WAY TO  
THE  
STUDIO??  
QUICK!

BUT--YOU  
WERE JUST  
THERE!  
YOU'RE--ON  
THE AIR  
NOW!

OR--I  
THOUGHT  
YOU WERE!

INFORMATION

IT'S THE  
THIRD  
FLOOR--  
STRAIGHT  
AHEAD!

GET ME  
STUDIO  
THREE!  
HURRY!  
IT'S AN  
EMERGENCY!

CALL THEM--  
TELL THEM  
THEY'LL SOON  
BE DEALING  
WITH THE  
GENUINE  
ARTICLE!

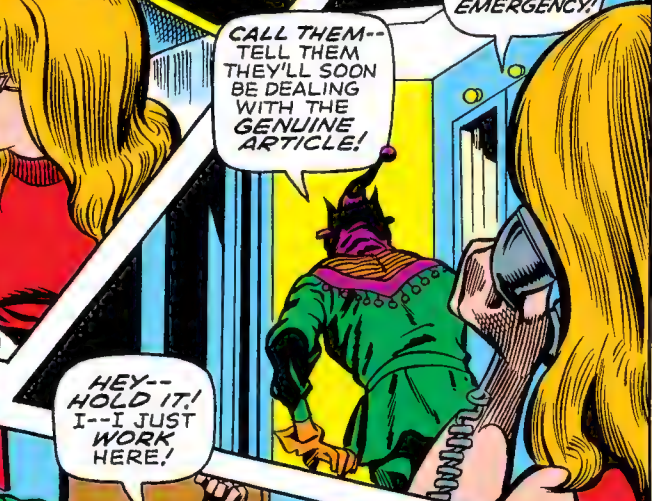
BUT, EVEN BEFORE  
THE CALL CAN  
BE COMPLETED--



YOU THINK  
YOU CAN  
KEEP ME  
OUT--

WHILE AN  
IMPOSTOR  
STEALS MY  
THUNDER??

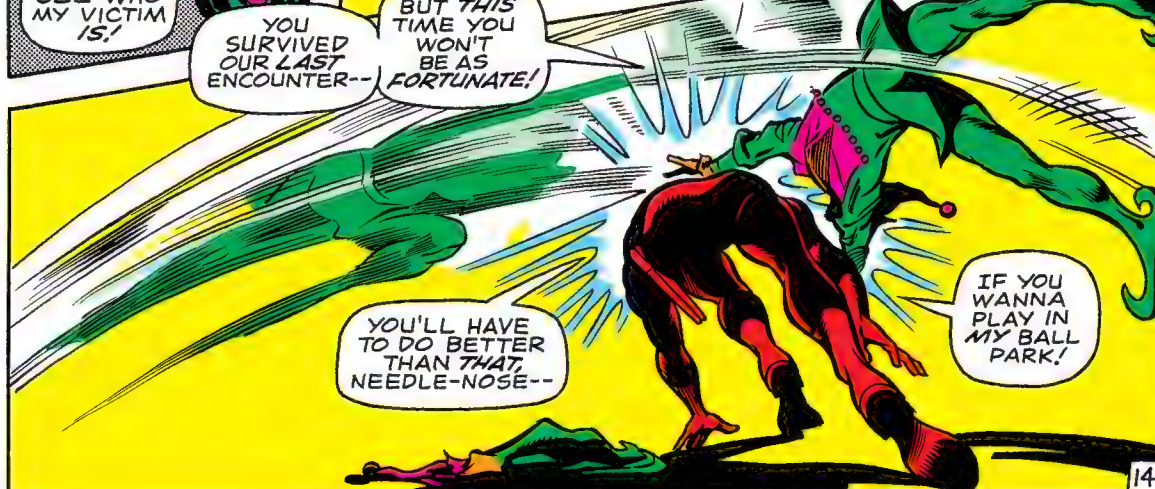
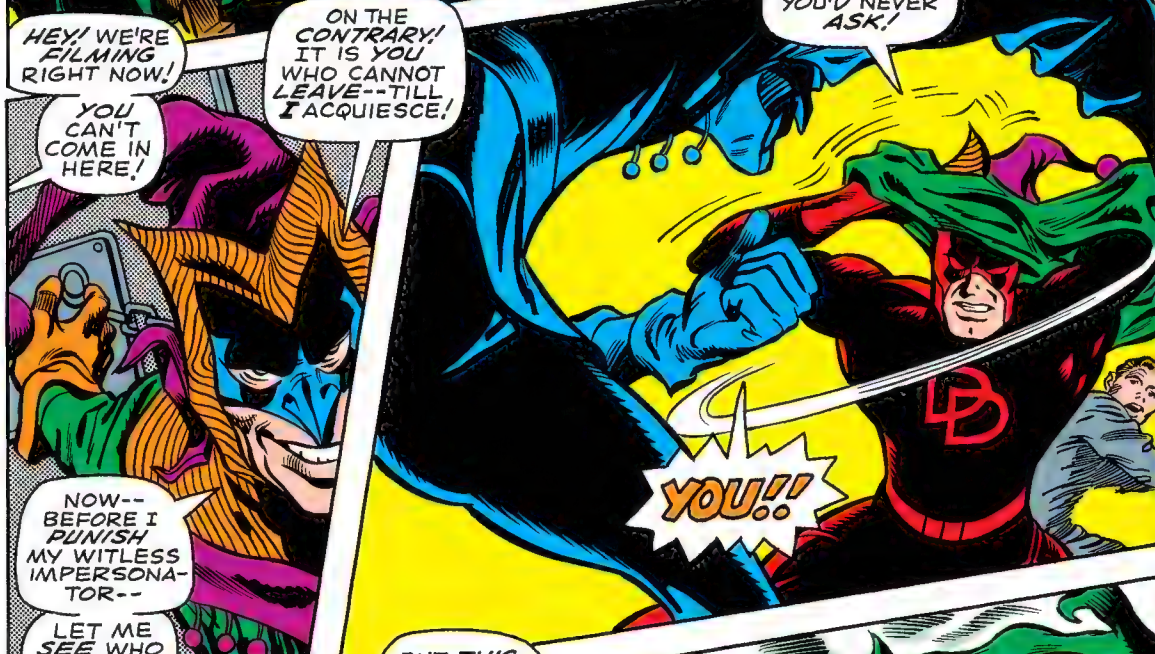
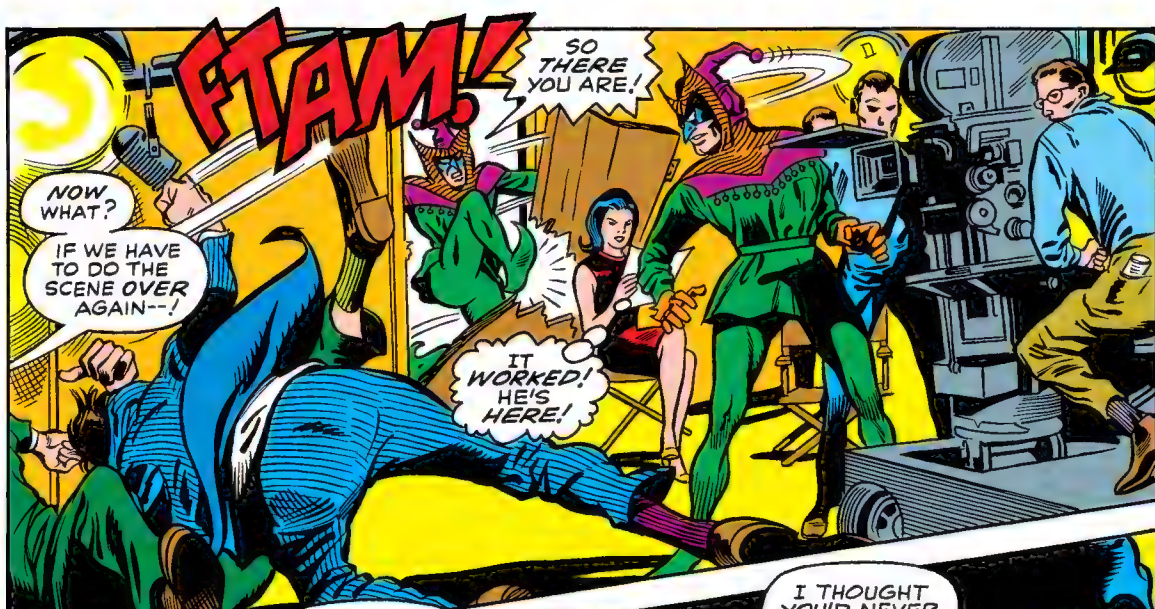
HEY--  
HOLD IT!  
I--I JUST  
WORK  
HERE!



HOW  
MANY  
JESTERS  
ARE  
THERE,  
ANYWAY?

ONLY  
ONE!!  
AS THAT SYNTHETIC  
SCAPEGOAT WILL SOON  
FIND OUT--TO HIS  
ETERNAL REGRET!









NOW--YOU'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER!

DON'T BET ON IT!

UNNNHHH!!

THONK!

DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH WAITING!

PLINK!

HEY! YOU DON'T EXPECT A PING PONG BALL TO STOP ME!

THUMP!

IT'S MORE THAN AN ORDINARY BALL!

---BECAUSE IT FOLLOWS ME AS IF IT HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN!

TAKE COVER, GENTS! THIS IS STRICTLY BETWEEN THE JESTER-- AND ME!

IT KEEPS GROWING WITH EVERY BOUNCE!

AND IT MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF BUILT-IN HOMING DEVICE--!

THUMP!



MAN, YOU DON'T SEE  
A SCENE LIKE THIS  
EVERY DAY OF THE  
WEEK!

IF I CAN GET  
IT ON FILM, I'LL  
BE A CINCINCH TO  
GRAB OFF AN  
EMMY NEXT  
TIME AROUND!

FROM THE  
SOUND  
OF IT--  
IT'S A  
RUBBERIZED  
COMPOSITION!

CAN'T  
KEEP  
DODGING  
IT MUCH  
LONGER!

COME ON,  
DD--START  
USING THE  
OL' NOGGIN!

I HOPE  
YOU'VE  
REHEARSED  
YOUR EXIT  
SPEECH,  
DAREDEVIL!

FOR THE  
FINAL  
CURTAIN  
IS NOW  
ABOUT TO  
FALL!

HE'S RIGHT!  
IF IT GETS  
MUCH BIGGER,  
I'LL HAVE NO  
ROOM IN  
WHICH TO  
MANEUVER!

WHICH MEANS  
I'VE GOT TO  
PULVERIZE  
IT IN THE NEXT  
FEW SECONDS--  
SOMEHOW!

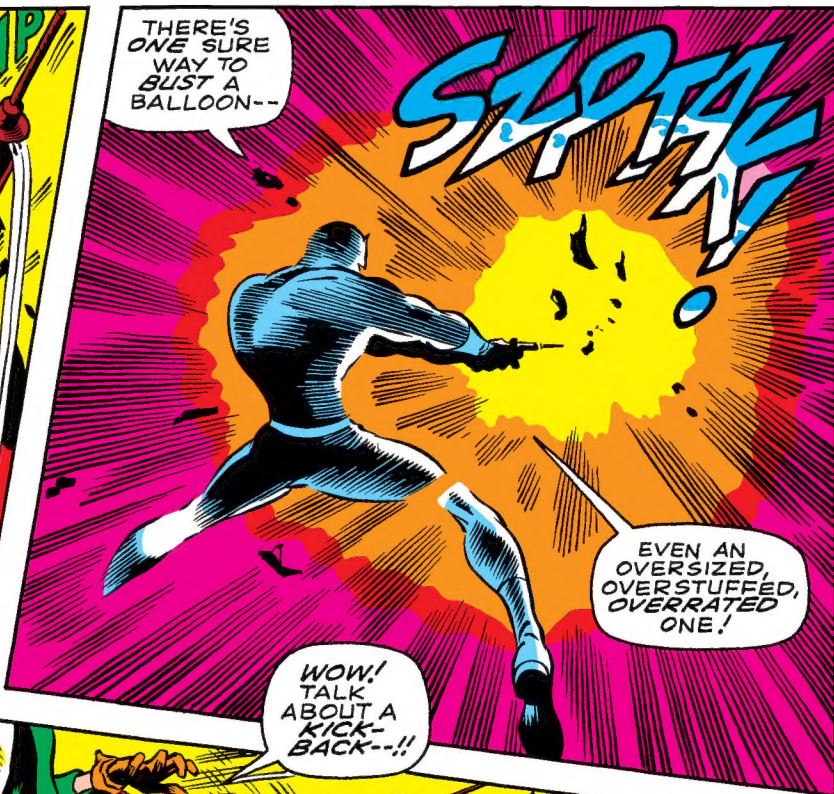
DESIGNED  
TO TRAP  
ITS VICTIM,  
RATHER  
THAN HARM  
HIM!





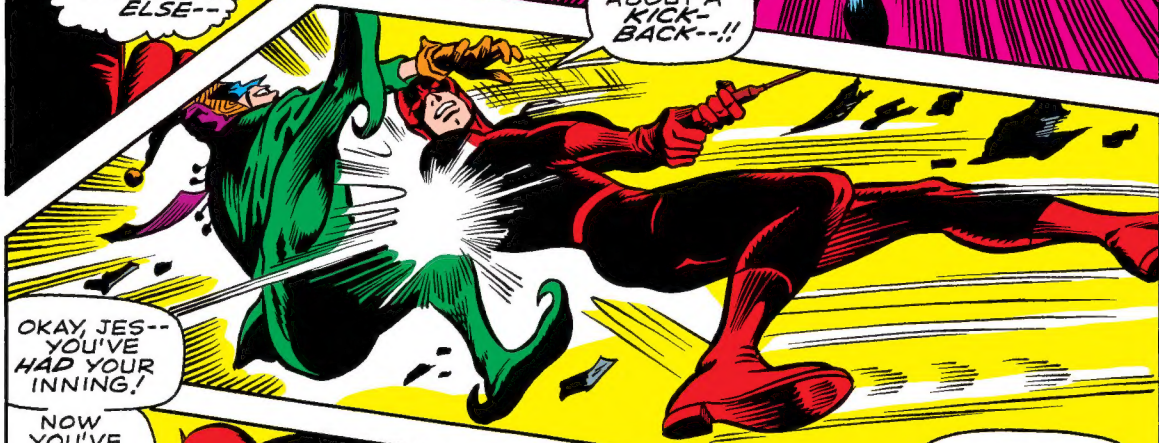
AND, SINCE  
IT'S MORE  
LIKE AN  
OVERGROWN  
BALLOON  
THAN  
ANYTHING  
ELSE--

THERE'S  
ONE SURE  
WAY TO  
BUST A  
BALLOON--



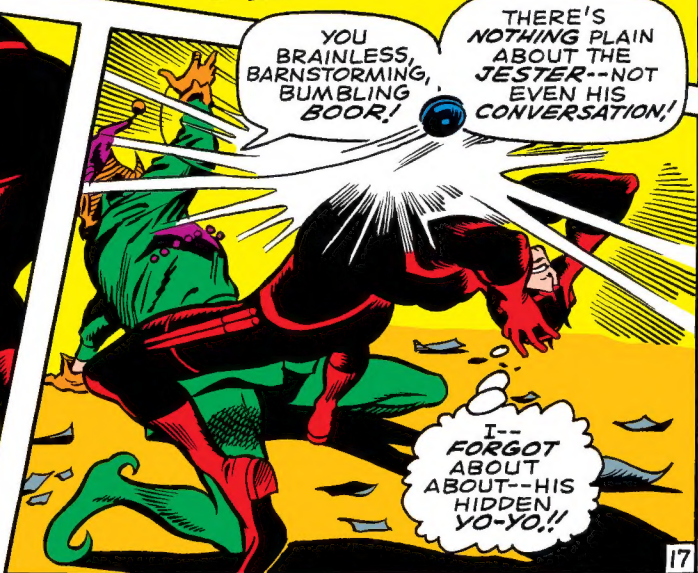
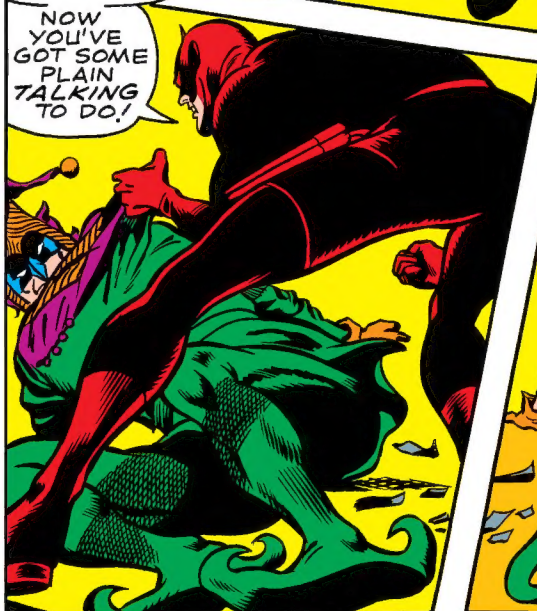
WOW!  
TALK  
ABOUT A  
KICK-  
BACK--!!

EVEN AN  
OVERSIZED,  
OVERSTUFFED,  
OVERRATED  
ONE!



OKAY, JES--  
YOU'VE  
HAD YOUR  
INNING!

NOW  
YOU'VE  
GOT SOME  
PLAIN  
TALKING  
TO DO!



YOU  
BRAINLESS,  
BARNSTORMING,  
BUMBLING  
BOOR!

THERE'S  
NOTHING PLAIN  
ABOUT THE  
JESTER--NOT  
EVEN HIS  
CONVERSATION!

I--  
FORGOT  
ABOUT  
ABOUT--HIS  
HIDDEN  
YO-YO!!





TO THINK  
YOU WOULD  
DARE PIT  
YOURSELF  
AGAINST  
ME!

GUESS  
I MUST  
HAVE  
LOST MY  
HEAD!

THERE'LL  
BE MORE  
TRUTH TO  
THAT THAN  
FICTION--

WHEN I GET  
THRU WITH  
YOU!

YOU'RE  
THRU  
ALREADY,  
SON--  
  
BUT YOU  
DON'T  
KNOW  
IT!

I'VE  
BEATEN  
YOU  
BEFORE--

AND I CAN  
DO IT  
NOW!

YOU  
MASKED  
PHONY--

YOU  
NEVER  
BEAT  
ME!

AND IN  
CASE YOU  
WANT  
SOME  
PROOF--

YOU CAN  
TRY THIS  
FOR SIZE!



